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(CST): PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING OF AD HOC
GROUP ON ENERGY R & D.

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1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY UNDER
SECRETARY CASEY, SEC GEN HAS REVIEWED OECD ENERGY R & D
ACTIVITY AND HAS GIVEN IT FURTHER IMPETUS ALONG LINES
FAVORED BY US. SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING OF CST AD HOC GROUP
IS TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON FRAMEWORK OF R COLLECTION MEMBER-
COUNTRY INFORMATION ON GENERAL LINES R & D EFFORTS AS
CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY. PROPOSED
DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE IS JANUARY 31, 1974. CST TO FOLLOW
UP THIS FIRST PHASE WITH CONTINUING EFFORT ON EXCHANGE
OF EXPERIENCE, IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS REQUIRING
FURTHER R & D, AND COORDINATION OF R & D PROGRAMS AS
APPROPRIATE. END SUMMARY.

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2. TO FOLLOW UP WASHINGTON MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, SEC GEN HELD INTERNAL SECRETARIAT MEETING WITH SCIENCE DIRECTORATE STAFF, HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTANT PROFESSOR SCHNEIDER AND MEMBERS OF CENTRAL UNIT OVERSEEING OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY TO REVIEW STATUS AND PLANS OF R & D ASPECTS THIS STUDY. AS RESULT DIRECTOR GENERAL KING OF SCIENCE DIRECTORATE ADDRESSED MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 12 TO SEC GEN SUMMARIZING SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS FOR CARRYING OUT STUDY OF R & D ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEMS AS (A) CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL STUDY AND (B) CONTINUING PRIORITY ACTIVITY OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE. THIS MEMO, WHICH FOLLOWS GENERAL LINES PROPOSED BY US (REFTEL AND GRANGER-SALOMON LETTER OF AUGUST 20), PROVIDES BASIS FOR PREPARATIONS SECOND MEETING OF CST AD HOC GROUP. SEPTEMBER 21. SEC GEN REQUESTS MR. CASEY BE INFORMED OF PROGRESS ON ENERGY R & D STUDY AND RECEIVE COPY OF KING MEMO SUMMARIZING SECRETARIAT PLAN. COPIES FORWARDED TO RPE AND SCI SEPTEMBER 14.

3. AT LEAST 10 MEMBER COUNTRIES EXPECT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING OF CST AD HOC GROUP. IN ADDITION TO COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT FIRST MEETING (REFTEL), GERMANY AND JAPAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING. PROFESSOR SCHNEIDER AND CENTRAL UNIT STAFF ALSO EXPECT TO BE PRESENT. AGENDA INCLUDES: (A) PROGRESS REPORT ON OVERALL STUDY. (B) COMMENTS ON PROPOSED R & D STUDY RECEIVED FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES. (C) FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF STUDY.

4. COMMENTS ON GENERAL LINES OF R & D ENERGY STUDY WHICH WERE AGREED AT JUNE 19 AD HOC GROUP MEETING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, IRELAND, NORWAY, SWITZERLAND, UK, AND US. THESE COMMENTS, VERY POSITIVE TOWARDS PROPOSED STUDY, ARE BROKEN OUT IN SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (PARA 3 (B) ABOVE) UNDER (A) GENERAL, (B) STUDY APPROACH, (C) SCOPE, (D) TIME FRAME, (E) OBJECTIVES, (F) INFORMATION COLLECTION, (G) STUDY DEADLINE, AND (H) INFO ON NATIONAL STUDIES. CLEAR THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES WANT TO COMPLETE FIRST STAGE OF MANAGEABLE ASSESSMENT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRST HALF 74 AS CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD STUDY WITH FOLLOW-UP SECOND STAGE AS CONTINUING CST ACTIVITY TO EXAMINE RESEARCH STRATEGIES, IDENTIFY RESEARCH GAPS, AND PROMOTE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

5. MAIN ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION AT SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING IS FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTION OF INFORMATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES. NO DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRE ENVISIONED. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE

IS PREPARATION ANALYTICAL SURVEY AS CST CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD STUDY. THIS FIRST PHASE IS AIMED AT IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON PRIORITIES IN R & D AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER ATTENTION. A SECOND PHASE, TO BE A CONTINUING CST ACTIVITY, WILL FOCUS ON ESXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE, COORDINATION OF R & D EFFORTS AS APPROPRIATE, ANE XAMINATION OF SPECIFIC LONG-TERM R & D PROBLEM AREAS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING, SECRETARIAT TO REQUEST FIRST PHASE INFORMATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES BASED ON AGREED FRAMEWORK WITH DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE OF JANUARY 31, 1974. EMPHASIS TO BE GIVEN TO R & D PROGRAMS LEADING TO POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS TO YEAR 2000 WITH ONLY GENERAL INDICATIONS REQUESTED ON LONGER-TERM R & D OBJECTIVES. CONCENTRATION PLACED ON R & D EFFORTS FUNDED BY GOVERNMENTS WITH ONLY SUMMARY INDICATIONS REQUESTED ON EFFORTS SUPPORTED BY INDUSTRY.

6. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR PHASE 1 STUDY AS FOLLOWS:
(A) POLICY QUESTIONS

1. INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS, EXISTING STRUCTURES.

2. NATIONAL R & D ENERGY POLICY IN RELATIONSHIP TO OVERALL ENERGY POLICY.

(B) MAIN LINES OF R & D EFFORT -- BROAD PROGRAM AREAS
(CURRENT AND PLANNED)

(1) GOVERNMENT FUNDED R & D BROKEN OUT UNDER PRODUCTION OF PRIMARY SOURCES, CONVERSION, STORAGE, TRANSPORT, CONSERVATION, AND OVERALL SYSTEM STUDIES.

(2) INDUSTRY R & D EFFORTS AS MAY BE POSSIBLE GIVING ONLY GENERAL INDICATIONS OF PRINCIPAL DIRECTIONS.BROWN
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